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200,000 take part in Merdeka Walk

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - The Prime Minister's Department has organised the Merdeka Walk 2002 involving more than 200,000 people from all over the country.

Participants began walking from their respective districts on Aug 12 and will arrive at their own state capitals on Aug 23.

Merdeka Walk 2002 programme director Hamidin Ahmad Judin said the highlight would be on Saturday when more than 2,000 people would walk from Malacca to Putrajaya.

He said the theme of this programme was taken from the poem read out by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Aug 29 last year at the second Pesta Puisi Patriotik in Putrajaya - Di Atas Runtuhan Kota Melaka Kita Dirikan Putrajaya.

Hamidin said Saturday's walk would be flagged off by Malacca Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam and some 500 of the participants would walk non-stop to arrive in Putrajaya on Aug 29 night.

The walkers are to be met by Dr Mahathir at the third Pesta Puisi Patriotik.

Those wishing to participate can call 03-88887703.